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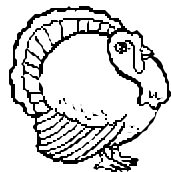
NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone was steady to weak on whole body hens and toms. No trading reported. Offerings of whole birds fully sufficient. Demand limited as most buyers showing little interest to purchase. Fresh demand improving due to the approaching Easter holiday. Bulk parts and meats demand was light to moderate with the most interest noted on tom drums.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Demand mixed. Trading was very light. Buyers and sellers taking a wait and see attitude due to the recent announcement of a ban from Russia of U.S. poultry which will become effective March 10, 2002. The ban would apply to product shipped after the March 10, 2002 date.



WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **FEBRUARY 28, 2002**

	CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	57.5-58	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	56	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	54-55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	56	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	57.5-58	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	MAR
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	56	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	54-55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	56	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	MAR

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 08, 2002	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO	MONTH OF FEBRUARY	CURRENT MONTH	LAST MONTH	SAME MONTH YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS				8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	59.20**	60.25**	62.20**	EASTERN REGION	60.03	60.86	61.18
CENTRAL REGION	57.50	57.50	61.40**	CENTRAL REGION	59.15	59.95	59.92
WESTERN REGION	60.00**	60.00	62.00	WESTERN REGION	60.26	60.95	60.71
16-24 LB TOMS				16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	56.10**	57.13**	60.90**	EASTERN REGION	56.97	57.74	60.32
CENTRAL REGION	54.50	54.50	60.35**	CENTRAL REGION	56.25	57.15	59.43
WESTERN REGION	56.20**	58.00	61.00	WESTERN REGION	57.50	58.26	60.32

**BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	65
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	62
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	67-73

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	89-119
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	89-119
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	85-105
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	84-105
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	102-105

**FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT U.S. GRADE A,
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS
PER POUND, WEEK OF 04-MAR-2002**

		<u>(8-16#)</u>	<u>(16-24#)</u>	
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>LBS TOMS</u>	<u>LBS</u>	
	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	66.96	135	62.86	35
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	66.96	135	62.86	35
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)				

**TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND
(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)****SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS**

JANUARY	487,639*
FEBRUARY 1-23, 2002	335,318*
To date 2002	738,243*
To date 2001	788,683*

* PRELIMINARY

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 23-Feb-2002
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

-----YOUNG TURKEYS-----				TOTAL TURKEYS		
		PCT	AVG			
		CHG	LIVE			
				OLD		AVG
				BANDED		LIVE
-THOUSAND HEAD-		PW	WT	-THOUSAND HEAD-		WT
N EAST	839	-10	23.28	(A)	841	23.28
SATL	832	-7	29.92	(A)	834	29.92
N CENT	1,972	-1	31.89	(A)	1,974	31.89
S CENT	538	13	23.92	(A)	540	23.92
WEST	350	16	23.34	(A)	352	23.34
U.S.TOTAL	4,531(B)	-2	28.33	10	4,541	28.33
TO DATE						
2002	34,710(B)			64	34,774	
TO DATE						
2001	36,361(B)			114	36,475	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 56,000; for the year 320,000; last year to date 267,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

WEEK ENDING 23-Feb-2002

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>		
	<u>-----THOUSANDS-----</u>				
HEAD	1,754	2,721	56	10	4,541
AVG WT	16.42	36.08	24.85	32.56	28.33
LAST WEEK	1,853	2,695	52	13	4,613
SAME WK YR AGO	1,969	2,697	55	13	4,734
AVG WT	16.03	34.31	24.91	25.19	26.57
TO-DATE/2002	13,636	20,754	320	64	34,774
TO-DATE/2001	15,072	21,022	267	114	36,475

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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 28 FEBRUARY 2002.

Trade sentiment on thigh meat ranged from cautiously steady to firm, mostly fully to firm. Demand on frozen thigh meat was fair to good with supplies generally held in strong hands. Bulk parts trade sentiment on tom drums ranged from about steady to fully steady, tom full-cut wings steady to instances fully steady, tom 2-joint wings steady to fully steady, hen 2-joint wings fully steady to firm, and necks were steady to weak. Bulk parts demand was light to fair with drums the most active and tom necks the least. Offerings of tom drums were light to instances adequate, tom full-cut wings light, tom 2-joint wings light to adequate with offerings the most available in the West, hen 2-joint wings light at best, and tom necks were adequate to instances burdensome. Trading was light on all items. Some fresh mechanically separated turkey was sold to pet foods domestically. Tom necks traded at 17-18 and hen 2-joint wings at 42 cents delivered export.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	96.65	184
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	154.00		154.00	9
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		W	93.00	144
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	32.00		32.00	3
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN				
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	28.00		28.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	39.00	40
NECKS, TOM	22.00		22.00	66
NECKS, HEN	22.00		22.00	4
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	127.00	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		T	127.60	100
THIGH MEAT	63.00		63.00	6
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	61.00	20
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	106.00	80
SCAPULA MEAT		R	107.00	15
TENDERLOINS		F	123.00	4
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	131.00		131.00	24
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		R	81.27	55
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		W	15.00	40
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	30.00		30.00	120
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	26.00	104
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	28.00	156
TAILS		F	28.00	24
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	12.00-13.50		12.75	240
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	63.00		63.00	120

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins. 4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 1 MARCH 2002.

The white meat undertone was steady to barely steady at best. Demand light with trading noted on breast trim, wing meat and scapula at lower trending price levels. The undertone on tom drums was steady to fully steady, full-cut wings and hen drums steady, hen 2-joint wings fully steady, tom 2-joint wings steady at best, and necks steady to weak. Demand light to fair with the best interest noted on tom drums. However, increased activity was noted on tom necks for export at lower trending price levels. Bulk parts offerings ranged from short on hen 2-joint wings to burdensome on tom necks. Export demand mixed. The recent announcement of the temporary Russian import ban on all poultry items has caused increased industry concern on future market conditions. Trading was heavy on frozen mechanically separated turkey for pet foods, balance light.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	96.65	184	96.65	184
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	149.00		149.00	20	151.18	51
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	93.00		93.00	40	93.00	184
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	30.00-31.50		30.71	105	31.14	168
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH						
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	29.00		29.00	20	29.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	27.00		27.00	60	26.90	289
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	27.00		27.00	60	27.00	60
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	30.00-35.50		34.10	100	34.10	100
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	39.00		39.00	20	39.00	60
NECKS, TOM	20.50		20.50	35	21.69	201
NECKS, HEN	21.00		21.00	20	21.17	24
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	127.00	80	127.00	120
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	128.00-130.00		128.67	120	128.18	220
THIGH MEAT	65.00		65.00	20	64.54	26
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	61.00	20		
BREAST TRIM MEAT	104.00		104.00	80	105.60	200
SCAPULA MEAT	99.00-100.00		99.63	320	99.63	320
TENDERLOINS	127.00		127.00	40	127.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	129.00-130.00		129.50	80	127.65	364
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	72.00-77.00		74.47	87	74.47	87
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	13.00		13.00	80	13.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	13.00-14.00		13.33	120	14.16	1,192
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		R	30.00	120	30.47	720
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	26.00	104		
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	28.00	156		
TAILS		F	28.00	24		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	13.00		13.00	40	12.83	360
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	62.50		62.50	40	62.97	1,120

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